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TO: EMS Personnel Training Program Directors

FROM: Dave Duncan MD
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Subject: Termination of Emergency Standards for EMS Personnel Training

The EMS Authority is preparing for the September 30th, 2021 termination of Executive Order N-25-20, issued by Governor Newsome on March 4, 2020, in support of the COVID-19 response.

This memo provides post executive order guidance for program providers to resume standard training, education, and work experience pursuant to current state regulations.

The following actions referenced in the March 19, 2021, EMSA revised Policy to Implement the Executive Order of the Governor Regarding EMS Licensure, Certification, and Training, **shall all expire on September 30, 2021:**

- "3. The requirement for a completed skills competency verification by EMTs for renewal or reinstatement is waived for the duration of the COVID-19 declared State of Emergency.*
- 4. For the duration of the COVID-19 declared State of Emergency, EMT training programs may:*
 - a. Allow for the use of high-fidelity simulation, scenarios, or other innovative educational environments, during the 24 hours of clinical training that includes ten clinical contacts when approved by the EMT training program's approving authority.*
 - b. Suspend EMT skills exams for certification due to social distancing restrictions.*
- 5. For the duration of the COVID-19 declared State of Emergency, paramedic training programs with current paramedic students shall:*
 - a. Inform students in writing of the need to extend clinical and/or field internship placement and an estimated timeline of the extension.*

b. Allow for student participation in the use of high fidelity simulation, scenarios, and other innovative educational environments as substitutes for the clinical and field internship training if approved in writing by the program

medical director, program advisory committee and the paramedic training program provider approving authority in conjunction with CoAEMSP training and student terminal competency guidance.

c. Allow for students to use high fidelity simulation to substitute 20 of the 40 required field internship patient contacts and 10 of the 20 required documented experiences performing the role of team lead.

d. Allow for students to substitute their required field internship to expand beyond a prehospital emergency setting within an organized EMS system to include healthcare settings that commensurate with the skills experience needed; including a minimum of 40 documented ALS patient contacts and 20 documented team leads when provided under an approved paramedic preceptor and approved in writing by the program medical director, program advisory committee and the paramedic program provider approving authority in conjunction with CoAEMSP training and student terminal competency guidance.

e. LEMSA's may elect to waive section 100150(h)(2) of Chapter 4 requiring that a paramedic have at least 2-years of experience before being qualified to serve as a paramedic preceptor, allowing for a minimum of 1 year experience; when the candidate paramedic preceptor is accredited with LEMSA"

On September 30, 2021, the guidance included in this memo, describing a return to standard practice, shall supersede the EMSA revised Policy to Implement the Executive Order of the Governor Regarding EMS Licensure, Certification, and Training date March 19, 2021.

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